

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 91

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Urging the Petroleum Institute Resource

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Organization to locate a regional oil

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spill equipment depot in the State of

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Alaska.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 WHEREAS over 25 percent of the domestic petroleum supply of the United
11 States is produced in and transported from the State of Alaska; and

12 WHEREAS on March 24, 1989, the nation's largest oil spill occurred in
13 the State of Alaska and industry and government experts agree that a lack
14 of Alaska based equipment severely hampered a response to that spill; and

15 WHEREAS the American Petroleum Institute has recognized a need for oil
16 spill equipment to be placed at strategic locations around the country, yet
17 has not included the State of Alaska as one of those sites; and

18 WHEREAS the size, location, weather, and environmental conditions of
19 the state are unique and unlike any found elsewhere in the United States;
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21 WHEREAS the State of Alaska is currently developing a fully integrated
22 state master and regional oil spill contingency plan that will include
23 coordination between potential oil spillers, local spill response corps,
24 regional response plans, and multi-agency cooperative agreements; and

25 WHEREAS the State of Alaska contains some of the nation's most promis-
26 ing petroleum reserves and the oil industry and the State of Alaska hope to
27 explore, develop, and transport oil from the state; and

28 WHEREAS an oil spill equipment depot located in the State of Alaska,
29 integrated with an oil spill response corps, could well be a model program

1 for the rest of the United States; and

2 WHEREAS a proposed Seattle, Washington, location would not be adequate
3 for an immediate response to any potential Alaskan oil spill site and would
4 severely lengthen the time required for a properly equipped response;

5 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the Petro-
6 leum Industry Resource Organization to locate a regional oil spill equip-
7 ment depot in the State of Alaska to provide readily available equipment
8 for oil spill response throughout the state.

9 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush,
10 President of the United States; to the Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr., Secre-
11 tary of the U.S. Department of the Interior; to Admiral Paul A. Yost,
12 Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard; to Charles DiBona, President of the
13 American Petroleum Institute; to Vice Admiral John D. Costello, (Ret.),
14 President of the Petroleum Industry Resource Organization Implementation,
15 Inc.; to the members of the Conference Committee on H.R. 1465 and S. 686;
16 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
17 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the
18 Alaska delegation in Congress.